



# North Shore Schools

*Discovering Your Dreams*

## BOE Meeting Summary June 3, 2010

### Presentations/Discussions:

### **Congratulations to all of the HS and MS Math Long Island Fair Medalists**



#### 1. **Progress on Arts Program Evaluation:**

Consultant Carol Fineberg discussed that the biggest concerns the district faces regarding the Fine and Performing Arts Department include the upgrading of the facilities, the need for space and scheduling of students, and the lack of dance curriculum. She made some recommendation for long-term curriculum development including the possibility of credit for extra curricular courses. She commended Terry Donovan and her leadership of the Arts Department. Dr. Melnick said that once Ms. Fineberg has submitted her final report, Ms. Donovan and Mr. Chlebicki and himself will come to the Board with an action plan of how the recommendations will be addressed.

The Board discussed the report and asked Ms. Fineberg to compare the district to other school programs in terms of offerings, including dance, as well as college acceptances for arts programs. Ms. Fineberg explained that it is difficult to compare but noted that many Long Island districts have already adopted a dance program. She added that for the first time, a student from North Shore was accepted to Cooper Union.

#### 2. **Report on District Goals:**

Dr. Melnick reviewed the progress of the district goals for the year. The Board focused on the Ninth Grade Experience. Additionally, Trustee Pombar suggested that we not add too many goals for next year as many of the current goals are on-going.

#### 3. **Professional Development Plan/Annual Professional Performance Review:**

Dr. Melnick explained that the State Education Department requires the Annual Professional Performance Review Plan to be approved by the Board and filed with the

State. A portion of this report is the district's form for evaluating teachers. Trustee Beyer requested a further discussion in regard to what constitutes approved professional development categories for earning the 175 credit hours for teachers to keep their certification. She also suggested that summer SmartBoard training be mandatory since the district made an investment in this technology.

**(For further information regarding this meeting, please see the North Shore Board of Education Minutes for [June 3, 2010](#) at [www.northshoreschools.org](http://www.northshoreschools.org))**